

8B GRAMMAR expressing future plans and arrangements

- a** Read the news report and underline five more structures used to express the future.

One of the most talked-about matches in the history of tennis is due to take place this afternoon in New York. Current world number one Arturo Villa is to face his long-term rival Bill Everard in what is going to be a long and tough struggle for the top spot, according to commentators. Their last match was a narrow defeat for Everard. 'I have worked so hard to

come this far, and this time I'm 100 per cent sure I'm about to become the most highly ranked player in the world,' he commented in a pre-match press conference. When asked about his predictions for the match, Villa replied: 'I've never been in better shape and I'm going to show him who's the boss, just like last time.' The match begins at 5.00 p.m. local time.

- b** Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

Keith So, what ¹**are you and Wendy doing** this weekend? ✓

Tom Well, the school holidays ²**start** on Friday and ³**we will go** to the seaside with the kids. We can't stay away for long, though. Wendy's ⁴**due go** into hospital on Monday.

K Really? ⁵**Is she having** an operation?

T Yes, but it's nothing serious. It's just her wrist. ⁶**She'll be home** again in the evening. What ⁷**do you and Jennifer do** this weekend?

K Sadly, ⁸**Jennifer is working** all weekend. Her company ⁹**is about to be** taken over by a big multinational so everyone is worried ¹⁰**they're losing** their jobs. So it looks like ¹¹**I'll be spending** the weekend on my own. I've decided that ¹²**I'm painting** the outside of the house if the weather stays nice.

T That doesn't sound like much fun! Have a good weekend.



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- c** Use the information below to write another news report in one paragraph about a visit from the US President. Use some of the structures from **a** and **b**.

- 9.00 a.m. Arrival of President and First Lady in New York City by helicopter, greeted by mayor.
- 10.00 a.m. President: Press conference at City Hall. First Lady: meet the public.
- 11.30 a.m. Visit to new city hospital; spend time with patients.
- 1.00 p.m. Formal lunch at City Hall with local officials and community leaders.
- 2.00 p.m. President: meeting with business leaders at City Hall. First Lady: speech at local high school, followed by theatrical performance by students.
- 3.30 p.m. Tour of newly redesigned city gardens for President and First Lady.
- 5.00 p.m. End of visit; departure from New York City by helicopter.



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